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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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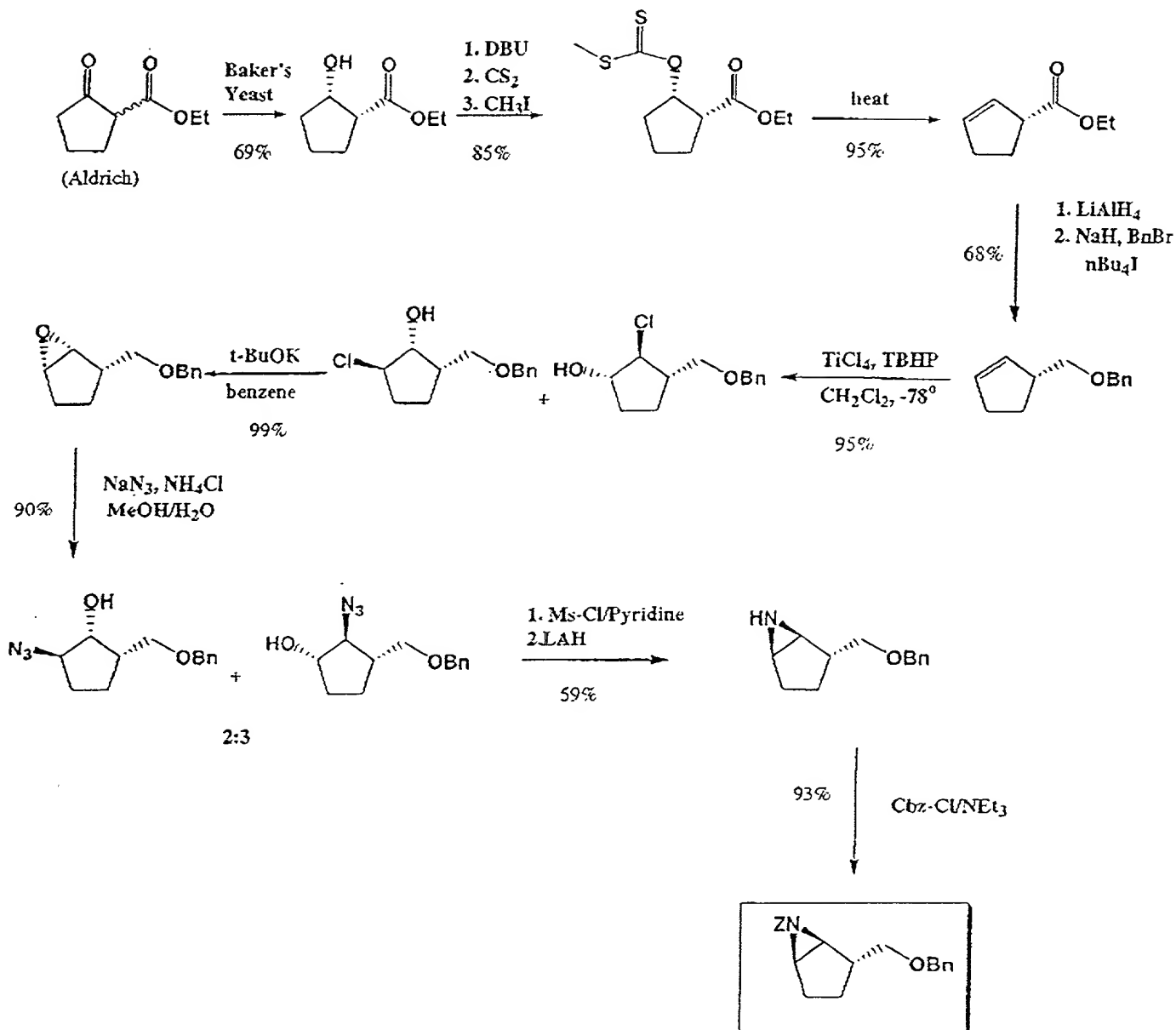
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Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the following Preliminary Amendment be entered.

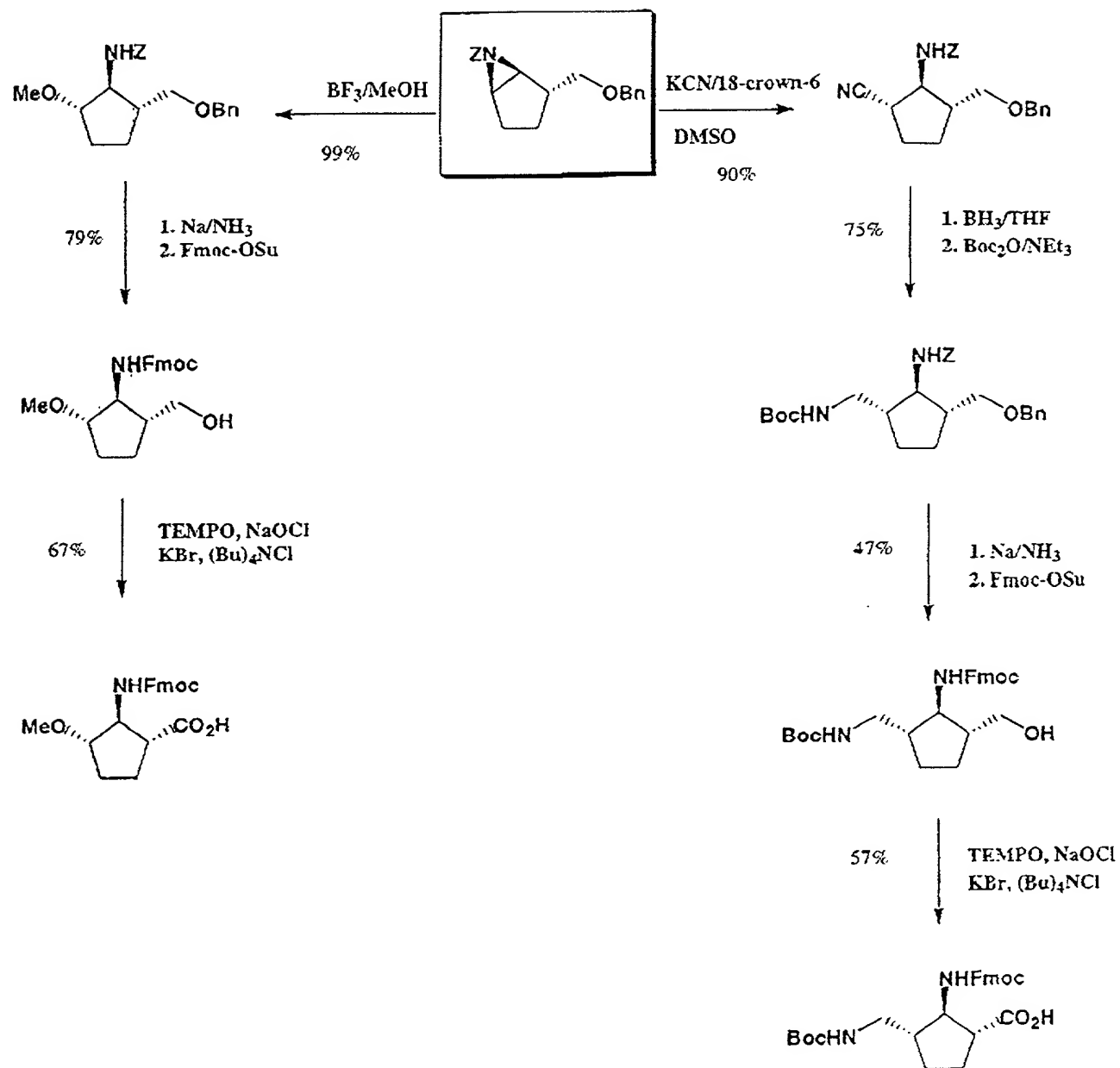
IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 36, before line 1, please insert the following paragraphs:

-- An alternative route to prepare cycloalkyl-constrained β -amino acids is depicted in Reaction Schemes 5b and 5c, below. The initial six steps of Scheme 5b (up to the 1-MeOBn-2,3-epoxycyclopentane) is taken directly from the literature: Colombini et al. (1995), *Tetrahedron* **51**:8089.



Reaction 5b

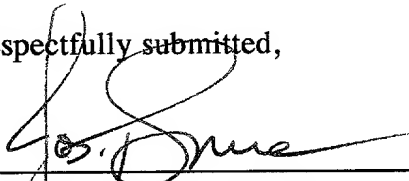


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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application is now ready for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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